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March 26, 2001

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Re: Response to letter of tentative approval of Permit Amendment, Dove
Creek Quarry.

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Thank you for letter dated March 21, 2001, which acknowledged the Division's tentative approval of our Amendment to the Dove Creek L.M.O. Plan. We look forward to working with the Division and The Forest in the resolution and clarification of the issues as listed in your letter.

1. As you may know, road "F" lies entirely on private property, south of the Forest boundary. It is our position that the planned road will in no way affect Forest land or resources, and issues relating to this specific point can be resolved between us and the Division. We would like to inspect the site with the Division at the earliest possibility this Spring to formulate a plan for the construction of road "F".
2. Most recent estimates as to the time required by the Forest to complete the pertinent E.A. for the Vertical Cloud and Sunshine East Quarries, and associated access road is three years time. This is entirely unacceptable to our interests. We may have to retain the services of outside consultants to complete this work. We are mystified as to why such work has not already been completed, and are not certain as to what if any, our options may be in this regard.
3. We are dumbfounded at the figures which reflect the Division's recalculated reclamation surety estimate. Hopefully we will better understand them when enabled to review an estimate sheet. There was none accompanying your letter of March 21, 2001, making it difficult to comprehend the new figures. Though reclamation as amended was planned for completion this year, it is doubtful that such will be, until the necessary E.A. has been completed and

all else is in order excepting posting of the required surety. The purpose for the two new quarries was to enhance our ability to produce white material. If we are unable to begin development of these quarries, we will have to continue to work the others as now. It would make no sense to reclaim them, and leave ourselves unable to produce on any scale, our highest demand product. When the time comes however, we are certain the instrument will be a revised Letter of Credit, which posting will precede any additional quarry development. For your information, the old blue trailer was removed from the area in Sept. of last year.

Sincerely,



Bill Bown, owner

cc: Carmella Romerio, USFS